



**PATENT**  
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**IBM-178**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Angelopoulos, et al.
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Examiner	:	T. Yoon
Group Art Unit	:	1714
For	:	METHODS OF PROCESSING AND SYNTHESIZING ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE POLYMERS AND PRECURSORS THEREOF TO FORM ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE POLYMERS HAVING HIGH ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY

To: The Honorable Commissioner of  
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Sir:

The Examiner has sent an Advisory Action in response to the amendment filed responding to the Official Action dated December 30, 2003.

Applicants are concurrently filing an RCE, and file this preliminary amendment in support of the patentability of the claims in this case.

In a prior decision on appeal rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Board held that Claim 12 as appealed was defective in that there is no indication of how the precursor to an electrically conductive polymer or electrically conductive polymer in a solvent is treated, manipulated or formed. In addition, the Board held in the Decision that the claim does not indicate the results which are to be achieved by the claimed method.